Installation of CAT-III A landing system

573. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian and Air India are incurring heavy losses every year due to cancellation/delay of flights due to dense fog or otherwise;

(b) if so, the estimated loss incurred by Indian and Air India due to cancellation/delay of flights during the last two years;

(c) whether the CAT-III A system installed at various airports to facilitate landing in foggy conditions proved ineffective;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the amount spent on installation of such system; and

(f) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) While Indian has inccured an estimate loss of Re. 5.80 crores during the year 2005-06 and Rs.1.65 crores during the year 2006-07 (April-Oct. 06) in respect of flights cancelled due to bad weather, Air India has incurred loss of approx. Rs. 50 lakhs during the year 2004-05 and approx. Rs. 25 lakhs during the year 2005-06 on this count.

(c) and (d) CAT-IIIB Instrument Landing System (ILS) has been installed only at IGI Airport, Delhi and the sytem is working satisfactorily.

(e) The amount spent on installation of CAT-IIIB ILS at Delhi Airport is Rs. 55 crores.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply at (c) and (d) above.

Formation of federation of Indian Airlines

574. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the full-service and low-cost carriers of Indian aviation industry have formed a Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA);